

FLATHEAD COUNTY FAIR COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Fair Commission on June 21, 2018 was called to order by Sam Nunnally at 6:30 pm in the 4H Building at the Flathead County Fairgrounds.

Roll call of members: Sam Nunnally, Mark Carlson, Butch Woolard, Wes McAlpin, Doug Wise and Pam Holmquist were present.

Staff present: Mark Campbell.

Guests present: Sharon Askelson.

Agenda approval: Mark moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doug. Motion passed.

Past meeting minutes: Minutes from the May 10th meeting were presented for review. An additional "and" was deleted from the 4th sentence in Manager's Report. Mark moved to approve the minutes as amended. Wes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Sam called for public comment. Sharon stated that entries will be difficult again this year but she will stay at it.

Manager's report: Mark noted a correspondence received from the Blue & White Motel seeking a Fair brochure to distribute to their guests. Discussion about how effectively to distribute a product like this was held. ADA project final change order has been approved, reports completed, and the project closed. A before and after report by County Grant writer was shared. Surplus of 17 stalls to make room for dumpsters is being worked on. The fence replacement bid is \$3500. Additional minor projects and painting of the Grandstands is underway. Appreciation to Kalispell FFA for constructing a new judging and announcer booth for the main show ring.

The Fair book is due any day. As exhibitors are ready, we will open all the systems for entry upon arrival. A sales report of Grandstand events was provided along with a quick comparison of the previous year. Work on all sponsors is underway with only one not returning at this time due to a company change. Whitefish Credit Union is coordinating a 3-D chalk art feature during the Fair at the entry of the Trade Center.

An overview of upcoming events was shared. The Primary Elections in early June went well.

The May 31st Financial statement was provided. Noted that FY19 revenues have been collected in advance are reflected within the report. Revenues are at 109% of budget and expenses are 81.6% for the month. Wes asked if all the camp-site spaces have been sold. Yes, sold-out in 11 minutes of opening the system. A projected year-end budget position as of June 30th was provided.

We have filled the seasonal laborer position with Shawn Kaup who started on June 11th.

Mark asked for a volunteer to help with review and selection of food applications. Doug Wise volunteered.

Committee or Director Reports: Wes reported on the Ag Livestock Committee meeting held at the Chamber. Currently registered as market animals are 195 hogs, 77 sheep, and 41 steers. Our final number will be less as there are back-up animals tagged in the numbers. Sam asked about the rumors of reducing hog boardmen. Wes explained there is talk about it and explained that practice with the

animals reduces issues and fighting amongst the animals. Butch has heard national news stories about Kalispell Creamery innovations. Without them here, we won't have a dairy component.

Old Business: Fairground surplus of stalls is running late. The process and improvement plans to the area was explained. ADA project is wrapped. A letter will be provided to Sam for signature thanking them for providing their position in the grant process. Sam asked if connection has been made with the Gun Show relating to last month's concerns presented by Will Parker. Office is still working to contact the group from Idaho. No further old business was heard.

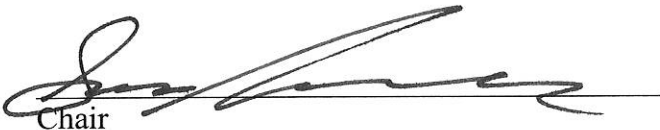
New Business: Proposal for Rodeo Art poster by Cyrus Walker. 500 of these retro posters would be created with cost to us at \$10 each and sold for \$25. Questions about our brand, look, and responsibility were reviewed and discussed. Final approval of the art must be retained. Doug likes the idea having some for sponsor or prize appreciation. Links to whose web site was reviewed. A potential trade of booth for small quantity of posters would be acceptable. Control of the final product is a must. An opportunity to purchase the small fire truck used as a shuttle has come up. A picture was shared for reference. We have rented this for the past 5-years. Due to increases in his insurance cost, All Aboard is very interested in selling it to us. County can insure this as long as it stays within the Fairgrounds. At the asking price of \$4,500, our payback is 2 years. The board concurred in moving forward to acquire it.

Sam asked where the recent RV situation to the north stands. Several dilapidated vehicles have arrived and hard to get to leave. What options can the Board provide to staff to assist? Staff has set new parameters that should help. The Fairgrounds doesn't have the ability to close itself from access. No further new business was presented.

Adjournment: Doug moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm, seconded by Mark. All were in favor.

Submitted by: mc

Approved as submitted:


Chair

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Date